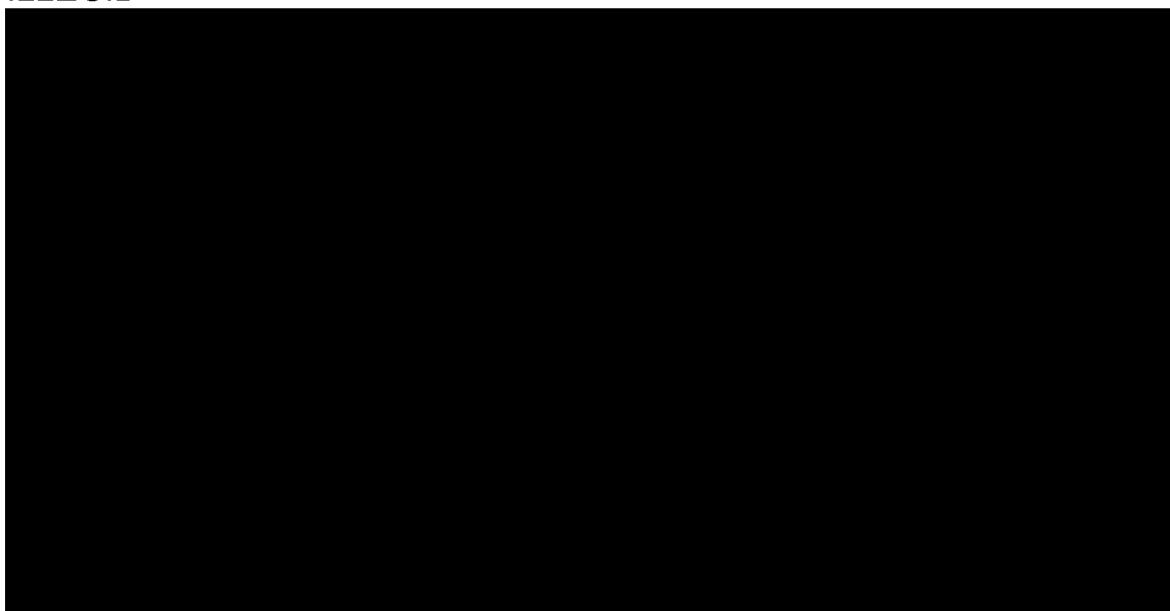


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2. Personnel of this Division have visited Muirkirk and have discussed the possibility of our obtaining a lease on the property. The property is an excellent radio site. Mr. Schoenhals, Assistant Director, Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Maryland, under whose jurisdiction the property apparently falls, has indicated his belief that the Secretary of Agriculture would grant us a lease on this property provided that we desire to utilize it for a considerable period and provided that we do not station a large number of people there.

3. It is recommended that a letter be written to the Secretary of Agriculture either by General Vandenberg or by one of the members of NIA requesting a lease on this property for several years and indicating that it will be utilized as a radio base by a limited number of personnel. It might, if considered necessary, be indicated that immediate operation at Muirkirk is not contemplated.

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